



Proclamation

WHEREAS, America’s system of public land includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmarks areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, Shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1934) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured natural resources that is being passed to younger generations; and

WHEREAS, Land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, An alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and USDA Forest Service, and has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005, as

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

and call upon the people of Louisiana to recognize and participate in this special observance.



Attest By  
The Governor  
*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 29th day of July A.D., 2005.  
*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana